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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

This declaration is of the following type:

- ☐ original ☐ design ☐ supplemental  
☒ national stage of PCT  
☐ divisional ☐ continuation ☐ continuation-in-part

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or an original, first, and joint inventor (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

AN ERGONOMIC TEAT

the specification of which:

- ☐ is attached hereto.  
☒ was filed on September 28, 2001 as Application No. 09/937,906 and was amended on (if applicable).  
☐ was filed by Express Mail No. as Application No. not known yet, and was amended on (if applicable).  
☒ was filed on 12 April 2000 as PCT International Application No. PCT/FR00/00939 and was amended on (if any).

I state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification identified above, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the patentability of the application identified above in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

I claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or 365(a) of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent, utility model, design registration, or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter and having a filing date before that of the application(s) from which the benefit of priority is claimed.

PRIOR FOREIGN PATENT, UTILITY MODEL, AND DESIGN REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS						
COUNTRY	PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION NO.	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED			
France ✓	99 04672 ✓	14 April 1999 ✓	X	YES		NO
				YES		NO
				YES		NO

I claim the benefit pursuant to 35 USC 119(e) of the following United States provisional patent application(s):

PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATIONS, BENEFIT CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC 119(e)	
APPLICATION NO.	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)

I claim the benefit pursuant to 35 USC 120 of any United States patent application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this patent application is not disclosed in the prior patent application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 USC 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 effective between the filing date of the prior patent application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this patent application.

PRIOR U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS OR PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS DESIGNATING THE U.S., BENEFIT CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC 120					
U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS			Status (check one)		
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PCT APPLICATIONS DESIGNATING THE U.S.			Status (check one)		
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4. PCT/FR00/00939 ✓	12 April 2000 ✓			X	
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DETAILS OF FOREIGN APPLICATIONS FROM WHICH PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC 119 FOR ABOVE LISTED U.S./PCT APPLICATIONS				
ABOVE APPLICATION NO.	COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	DATE OF ISSUE (day, month, year)
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4. PCT/FR00/00939	France	99 04672 ✓	14 April 1999 ✓	
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In re Appln. of Dussere  
Attorney Docket No. 213716

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint Leydig, Voit & Mayer, Ltd. to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Customer Number 23460.



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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

I further direct that correspondence concerning this application be directed to Leydig, Voit & Mayer, Ltd.: Customer Number 23460.



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I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY  
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9 (f) and 1.27 (b)) — INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9 (c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41 (a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled AN ERGONOMIC TEAT described in

[ ] the specification filed herewith  
[ X ] application serial no. 09/937,906, filed September 28, 2001  
[ ] patent no. \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9 (c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9 (d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9 (e).

Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28 (b))

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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